

LUNATIC ASYLUM FOR THE COUNTIES OF MONMOUTH HEREFORD, BRECKNOCK, AND RADNOR.

ANNEXED are a view and plan of the Aber-gavenny Lunatic Asylum, erected from the designs of Messrs. Fulljames and Waller, architects. With the exception of a few internal fittings and the erection of the lodge, this building is now completed, and partly occupied by patients. The plan is linear with receding wings, a form said to be peculiarly adapted to the nature of the ground and aspect. The general arrangement of the first floor of the wards is similar to that in the ground floor: over the entrance-hall, committee-room, and superintendent's sitting-room, is a large chapel, with chaplain's-room attached; the rest of this floor is used for bed-rooms for the superintendent and matron, and for the officers and servants of the Institution. There is accommodation for 250 patients, 125 of each sex. The offices are built large enough for any future extensions of the building. The Asylum is situated in a large tract of land, which is being ornamentally laid out and cultivated for the use of the Institution. Our artist has taken a little liberty with the foreground. The estimated cost of the building alone was 25,000*l.* which amount, we understand, will be exceeded.

The references will explain the plan.

GENERAL REFERENCES.

- A Entrance-hall.
- B Committee-room.
- C Superintendent's Sitting-room.
- D Matron's.
- E Visiting-room.
- F Stores.
- G Surgery.
- H Clerks'-room.
- I Steward's-rooms.
- K Kitchen.
- L Servants'-hall.
- M Pantry.
- N Dairy and Larder.
- O Scullery.
- P Boiler and Engine-house.
- Q Bake-house.
- R Brew-house.
- S Laundry.
- T Wash-house.
- U Wash-house for foul Linen.
- V Coals and Wood.
- W Work-rooms.
- X Sorting-room.
- Y Carpenters' Shop.
- Z Gas-works and Smithy.

WARDS.

- 1 Corridor.
- 2 Day-room.
- 3 Attendants'-room.
- 4 Associated Sleeping-room.
- 5 Single.
- 6 Padded-room.
- 7 Lavatory and Water-closet.
- 8 Baths.
- 9 Stores and Sculleries.
- 10 Sweetening-rooms.
- 11 Low Passage of Communication.

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

Saltaire.—Tenders have been received for first and second contracts for woodwork required in the erection of mill, warehouse, and weaving sheds, &c. at Saltaire, for Mr. Titus Salt.

	Carpenters' work.			Sashes.		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Neil (accepted) 5,989	0	0	..	1,690	0	0
Pickard and	6,177	0	0	1,725	0	0
Ogden ..	6,270	0	0	1,497	9	0
Hill	6,728	17	8½	1,695	19	9½
Ives	6,840	0	0 (accepted)	1,394	0	0

The mill is to be fireproof, 540 feet long by 56 feet wide, and six stories high. The warehouse 300 feet long and seven stories high; and the weaving sheds to cover 10,000 superficial yards. The chief part of the work to be fireproof. This establishment, when complete, will be one of the largest in England. In addition to the mill, warehouse, and works, it is contemplated to erect this year accommodation for the work-people, in the shape of six or seven hundred cottages, a chapel, market-place, baths and washhouse, lecture-room, &c. with houses of a superior class for the overlookers and managers,—all thoroughly drained and ventilated. The road down to the works includes three bridges, and one over the Leeds

and Bradford railway; another over the canal, with viaduct therefrom to the one over the River Aire, making a continuous length of tubular girder bridge of 420 feet. Messrs. Lockwood and Mawson are the architects.

Birmingham.—*Aston Park.*—The value of this hitherto rural property appears to be developing itself. At a sale during the last week, nearly five acres were offered in twenty-eight suitable lots, and realized about 7,000*l.* The prices per square yard for the general lots ranged, a correspondent states, at 5*s.*, 5*s.* 3*d.*, 5*s.* 6*d.*, 5*s.* 9*d.*, 6*s.* 3*d.*, 6*s.* 6*d.*, 7*s.*, 7*s.* 1*d.*, 7*s.* 8*d.*, and 8*s.* 6*d.*, while for two corner lots 9*s.* 9*d.* and 12*s.* 3*d.* per square yard respectively were paid.

Dover.—At a recent sale of property in seventeen lots, which realized 2,784*l.* odd, lot one consisting of 14 feet frontage, with buildings on it, says the local *Chronicle*, not worth the cost of pulling down, realised nearly 29*l.* per foot frontage. Amongst the lots were various leasehold and freehold tenements, realising sums varying from 100*l.* to 460*l.*; but unfortunately our local authority, the *Chronicle*, does not provide us with any thing like tangible details. A Dover pavement bond for 100*l.* bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, brought 101*l.* and the shares in the Dover Gas Light Company, and the Water-works connected therewith, fetched 71*l.* 10*s.* and 72*l.* each.

Willenhall.—A company has been started, with a required capital of 4,000*l.* more than a moiety of which has already been subscribed, for the purpose of furnishing a cheap and ample supply of water to this place.

Devonport.—The tenders for contracts to construct the new market here were as follows:—Mr. Clift, 17,914*l.* 7*s.* 7*d.*; May and Greenwood, 18,528*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*; Roberts and Co., 18,574*l.*; Hoskyn and Co., 19,971*l.* 15*s.* 11*d.*; Thomas Perkins, 20,931*l.* 2*s.* The lowest tender (Mr. Clift's) was accepted, and the necessary arrangements for carrying out the plans will be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Riaca.—The ancient church of this secluded parish, says the *Cardiff Guardian*, having fallen into decay, it has been determined to rebuild it, and the old edifice having been removed, the foundation-stone of a new one was laid on Thursday week by Lady Morgan, of Tredegar Park. The new church is to be in the Early Decorated style of thirteenth century, and will, when completed, consist of a nave, chancel, two aisles, and a tower at the south-east corner. Its length, from east to west, will be 80 feet, and its extreme width, 50 feet. The height of the walls to the plate inside will be 22 feet, and to the ridge, 45 feet. The spire will form a prominent object in the landscape, as it is to be 96 feet high. Accommodation will be provided for 450 persons, half the sittings free. The former church could only seat 110 persons. The estimated cost is 1,800*l.* of which 800*l.* have been voluntarily contributed. In making the excavations for the foundation, it seems, the workmen came to some remarkable Roman concrete, and to a brick which bore marks showing it had been made in the reign of Augustus Cæsar. A skeleton was also found with the remains of a rosary attached to the neck-bones.

St. Dogmell's.—On Thursday in week before last, according to the *Cambrian*, the new church at St. Dogmell's, county of Pembroke, was reopened. It adjoins the ruins of the ancient abbey of St. Dogmell's. Mr. Ashpitel furnished the design of the edifice, which consists of a nave of five bays, with a couplet of lancets at the west end, with jaumb-shafts and hood mouldings. On the north side is a small vestry. The several dimensions are,—nave, 77 feet by 26 feet 6 inches; chancel, 34 feet 6 inches by 19 feet. The western gable is surmounted by an ornamental bell-turret. The east window is filled with glass, of a design by Mr. Bell, of Bristol. The pulpit is of stone, and the reading-desk of wood. The seats are of simple design, and are all open. The building was contracted for and executed by Messrs. John Davies and John Thomas, of Llechryd, near Cardigan. About 50*l.* of the cost still remain unprovided for.

Meifod.—At Port Robert, parish of Meifod, Montgomeryshire, says the *Shrewsbury Chronicle*, the first stone of a church was laid on Friday week, by the Countess of Powis. The architect is Mr. R. K. Penson, of Oswestry. This is the first of three churches, with schools, to be erected in this district; a second being to be built at Pont Dolanog, and a third at Pont Llogelli.

Cardarvon.—The Government have agreed to give 6,000*l.* for the purpose of blasting the Swelly-rocks, so as to improve the harbour. On the announcement being made, a good deal of powder that might have made the nucleus of a local supply, and have gone a good way in blasting, independent of the Government, was wasted in "a continuous discharge of artillery kept up from Porth-y-Aur."

Wenlock.—The foundation stone of a corn market and reading-room was laid here on Wednesday week, by Miss Wayne, in honour of the nuptials of Sir Watkin Williams Wynn, M.P. who gave the site. The style of the building will be that of James I. and it will occupy an area of 70 feet by 44 feet. The ground floor will form the corn-exchange, which will be opened in front by four stone arches, protected by iron railing. At the back will be a large stone staircase, the Librarian's residence, and the corn-exchange quadrangle; and the arches at the back will be glazed, with folding doors opening on the quadrangle. The exchange will be 15 feet high. On the first floor will be a reading-room, 42 feet 6 inches by 24 feet, and 14 feet high, and a small room for geological and other specimens. Mr. S. Pountney Smith, of Shrewsbury, is the architect.

Bilston.—The local gas works and mains are to be enlarged at a cost of about 3,000*l.* so as to enable the company to manufacture and distribute twenty million cubic feet of gas per annum. In proposing the measure, the manager said that "the enlargement of the works would ensure a remunerating profit, as well as benefit the consumers, by giving them a purer gas, which would lead to its more general introduction into private houses;" and one of the shareholders remarked that "the proposed improvements might possibly diminish their dividend for the next year or two, but he was satisfied that ultimately the increased outlay would pay them very handsomely, and he did not think they should be at all justified in resisting the outlay merely for the sake of maintaining a dividend of eight per cent. which was a most unreasonable rate of interest in these days, even with Californian gold."

Liverpool.—The application of the Baths' Committee for 5,000 square yards of land at the end of the north docks, for erecting apparatus to pump salt water, has been refused by the dock committee.—*Liverpool Times.*

Osley.—A stained glass window has been put into the east portion of the chancel of the parish church at a cost of 150*l.* In the centre is a figure of our Saviour, having on his right Matthew and Mark, and on the left the other two evangelists.

Doncaster.—It is intended to fill another window in the parish church with stained glass, in this case to the memory of Mr. T. S. Foreman. — A small hospital, to be called St. James's Hospital, is about to be erected by Dr. Dunn, at his own cost, on a site presented by Mr. F. W. Fisher, at the junction of Cleveland-street and St. Sepulchre-gate, in this town. The plans have been prepared by Mr. Houghton, architect. On the ground floor it is proposed to have a casualty ward for four beds, rooms for the surgeon and matron, kitchens, &c. On the second floor there will be a fever ward also for four beds, together with sleeping apartments for the surgeon, matron, and servant, and a bath-room.

Hull.—The plans for the new synagogue in this town, sent in by Mr. W. H. Keyworth, architect, having been approved, the building committee, after consideration of the numerous contracts sent in, decided to select separate tenders for the different works. The building will be plain, with a gallery at the west end. The style of the interior will be Grecian, and the fittings of oak. From peculiarity of site, the synagogue will have an